

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

October 28, 2009 1:00 p.m. Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) 1110 West Washington Street Room 250 Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on October 28, 2009 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), 1110 West Washington Street, Room 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members	Present (12)
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Phillip Stevenson, Chair, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Wendy Wolfersteig, Vice-Chair, Arizona State University

Sgt. Gail Spore, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections

Catherine Osborn, Arizona Department of Education

Amy Stuart, Administrative Office of the Courts

Meena Shahi, First Things First

Richard Porter, Arizona Department of Health Services

Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Service (via teleconference)

Katherine Guffey, Arizona Department of Economic Security (via teleconference)

Emma Kibisu, Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services

Michael Dolny, Arizona Department of Corrections (via teleconference)

Staff/Guests Present (4)	Members Absent (4)
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute
Angela Baldasare, Pima Prevention Partnership	David Choate, Arizona State University
Michelle Neitch, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	Zeenat Mahal, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
Holly Lewis, ASU, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research	Gowri Shetty, ADHS
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A. Call to Order

Chair Phillip Stevenson called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. with eleven (12) members, one (1) staff and three (3) guests present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Phillip Stevenson asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. Review of Packet and Agenda

Chair Phillip Stevenson reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. Approval of Minutes

Chair Phillip Stevenson requested a review of the September 16, 2009 meeting minutes.

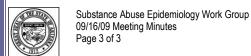
• After Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig noted a correction, Meena Shahi moved to approve the meeting minutes with the correction. Michelle Anderson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (12) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

E. Announcements

- Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig announced that the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) at
 Arizona State University (ASU) will serve as the grant evaluator for the Garrett Lee Smith State and Tribal
 Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Grant Program awarded to the Arizona Department of Health
 Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS, DBHS) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
 Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- Meena Shahi reminded members that First Things First (FTF) lists its grant opportunities on its website: http://www.azftf.gov, with grants recently listed for Physician Outreach and Education and Mental Health Consultation Administration.
- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** alerted members to an article regarding methamphetamine use in the daily electronic newsletter from Strategic Applications International (SAI), entitled Methpedia.org.
- Chair Phillip Stevenson notified the group members that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Statistical Analysis Center (ACJC, SAC) is considering the addition of a question to the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) regarding the source of the prescription drugs used by youth (e.g., another country, online pharmacy, etc.).

F. Cost Savings Related to Reductions in Underage Drinking

- Chair Phillip Stevenson discussed a project of the Underage Drinking Committee to assess the reduction in costs to Arizona related to reductions in underage drinking in the state.
 - After discussion by the group members regarding the methods, analyses, etc. utilized in the project by the Underage Drinking Committee, the group decided to form a work group to examine the project and data further.
 - Angela Baldasare of Pima Prevention Partnership informed the group that the COPE Coalition also hopes to do work in this topic area. Specifically, the coalition would like to update the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation's (PIRE) report, entitled *Economic Impact of Alcohol in Arizona* (http://www.udetc.org/factsheets/Arizona.pdf), in partnership with the Marin Institute.



G. Review of 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile Table of Contents and Sample Section(s)

- Chair Phillip Stevenson and Jeanne Blackburn directed group members to the draft Table of Contents and sample *Introduction* and *Alcohol* sections for their review.
 - The group reviewed these documents in detail, providing comments to be incorporated into the documents.
 - Ms. Blackburn will forward these to the vendor

H. Expanding the Value of EPI data for Communities

 This item was tabled until the November meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group due to time restrictions.

I. Availability of Statistics on Recovery from Substance Abuse (including methamphetamine)

 This item was tabled until the November meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group due to time restrictions.

J. Future Agenda Items

 Chair Phillip Stevenson reminded the group that "Future Agenda Items" will be a standing agenda item for members of the group and the public to suggest items to be placed on future agendas.

K. Call to Public

Chair Phillip Stevenson made a call to public.

There were no public comments.

L. Adjournment

• Richard Porter moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and Meena Shahi seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (12) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

Dated the 2nd day of November 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group Respectfully Submitted By: Jeanne Blackburn Data Analyst, Division for Substance Abuse Policy